

REMARKS

In the Office Action issued January 28, 2008, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Published Application No. 2004/0226031 to Zimmerman et al. (Zimmerman) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,718,543 to Aria et al. ("Aria") and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,560,005 to Hoover et al. ("Hoover"). Claims 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Aria and Hoover and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,088,694 to Burns et al. (Burns). Claims 1, 5 and 8 have been amended and claims 2 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 3-8 are now pending in this application.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to claims 1, 2, 4-5, and 7-9, is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Arai and Hoover. In particular, the present invention, for example, according to claim 1, requires writing source code that defines the call routine of the second self-contained data handling application.

Zimmermann discloses the use of a dynamic library with an installed application program. A static library allows a Dynamic library to be located, stored, and used by the application. The application can use the library to perform certain features of the application, but can function properly without the library. See Zimmerman paragraph 7. The library disclosed in Zimmerman, on the other hand, is a collection of subprograms used that can be used by the application to have access to specific features of the application. This allows code and data to be shared and changed in a modular fashion. There is no disclosure in Zimmerman that source code is written that defines the call routine of the second self-contained data handling application.

Zimmerman also fails to disclose, as acknowledged by the Examiner, that “the first self-contained data handling, application and the second, previously installed, self contained data handling, application are operable to execute without each other.”

Aria does not cure the deficiencies of Zimmerman. Like Zimmerman, Aria discloses a system that implements a self contained application and libraries that are used by the application. Aria discloses copying selected shared libraries into the application and performing the required linking by resolving address cross references between the application program and the shared library routines. There is no discussion in Aria that the copied libraries are added to any specific routine of the application program. The copied libraries is merely stored as part of the application and called directly using address information for the libraries. Thus Aria fails to disclose that source code is written that defines the call routine of the second self-contained data handling application.

Hoover does not cure the deficiencies of Zimmerman and Aria. Hoover merely discloses the use of a process called the “interface open server” that is provided to bridge the processes of a customer database and a remote database. See Hoover, col. 10, lines 17-23. The interface server operates to transform the heterogeneous data models of the customer database into homogeneous data models at the remote database (i.e., making the data models used by the customer database the same as the data models used by the remote database). See Hoover, col. 10, lines 23-27. There is no disclosure in Hoover that source code is written that defines the call routine of the second self-contained data handling application.

Thus, the present invention, according to claim 1, and according to claims 5 and 8, which are similar to claim 1, and according to claims 2, 4, 7, and 9, which depend therefrom, is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Aria and Hoover.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, according to claims 3 and 6 is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Aria and Hoover further in view of Bums because Bums does not cure the deficiencies of Zimmerman, Aria and Hoover. Thus, the present invention, according to claims 3 and 6 is not unpatentable over Zimmerman in view of Aria, Hoover and Burns.

Each of the claims now pending in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Additional Fees:

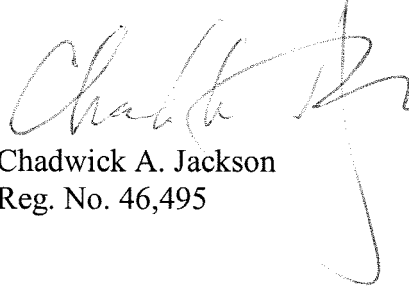
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further

communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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